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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD
COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTATION
TASK TEAM V - BIOGRAPHICS
WORKING GROUP ON NAME FINDING ACTIVITIES
Minutes of the Seventh Meeting, 10 August 1965

Members or Their Representatives Present

25X1A NSA [REDACTED] Chairman
25X1A CIA [REDACTED]
DIA [REDACTED]
STATE - Mr. Mitchell Stanley
SS - Mr. Frank Stoner
25X1A CSS - [REDACTED] Secretary

1. The members of the working group approved the minutes of the last meeting with several changes.

2. The discussion commenced with a continuation of consideration of the Chairman's proposed status report submitted at the last meeting. Further analysis was made of the meaning of the results obtained from the sample requests between the various agencies. The validity of the sample was again considered. The department of State representative provided the group with some verbal reactions as to the validity of the results obtained by his department. After considerable discussion on the question of whether the sample was truly representative and on the conflicting evidence produced by the various portions of the sample, it was agreed that the sample requests did not provide conclusive evidence of any gaps or duplication. The inability to make a firm conclusion from the sample points up the very complex situation posed by the name finding activities among the various agencies. Additional comments were made concerning the several conclusions made in the paper submitted by the Chairman.

3. No additional comments were provided on the paper entitled "Requests" that had been submitted by the CIA member at the last meeting. The CIA member distributed a short paper which commented on the

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specimen request exercise and provided some suggested findings and recommendations of the working group. These were considered in some detail by the group. As a conclusion of the many points raised during the discussion, the Chairman indicated that at least two of the goals of the Community represented should be a single (or minimal) processing of source documents and aggressive methods of getting the various data bases into machine language which would be compatible between the various agencies.

4. Attention turned to the need for a listing of categories of searches. The NSA member suggested the following:

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These can each be further divided into the following types of searches:

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5. The group pondered what to report to the biographic team at its next meeting on 19 August 1965. It was agreed that the Chairman of the group would prepare a report based on the material submitted and the information developed during the meetings and submit it to the Chairman of the biographic team on 19 August 1965. (This was done)

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Secretary

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